

HOUSE BILL 2294

By Boyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7 and Title 8, relative to persons in
uniformed service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) By passage of an ordinance, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a municipal legislative body may allow a service member who is deployed for under one (1) year while serving as a member of the municipal legislative body to attend sessions of the body through the use of two-way electronic audio-video communication during the deployment. Attendance by the use of two-way electronic audio-video communication does not prevent the service member from being allowed to vote or drawing pay for attendance. Only one (1) service member at a time may attend and vote in sessions of the body as provided in this subsection (a).

(b) As used in this section, "service member" means a member of the following:

- (1) The active and reserve components of the army, navy, air force, marine corps, or coast guard of the United States;
- (2) The United States merchant marine;
- (3) The commissioned corps of the United States public health service;
- (4) The commissioned corps of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration of the United States; or
- (5) The national guard of this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.